

Nadine Vazquez stands in front of the old chicken coop from when her father Martin Vazquez owned what is now her and her husband Jeff Waters' Whitehall Farms.

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Members of Fairfax County Police and Norfolk Southern Railroad Police teamed up to spread awareness of safety and laws surrounding railroad tracks, which are considered private property and are illegal to cross



Fairfax County Police officers from the West Springfield District Reem Awad (center) and Zachary Rocco (right) give a Lake Braddock student a warning after he crossed train tracks at Old Burke Lake Road.

Crossed Paths

Law enforcement raising awareness of train track safety.

PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Adil Gour has been crossing the Virginia Railway Express tracks in Burke for three years. “It’s convenient for me, instead of going all the way around,” Gour said. All the way around in this case means taking Guinea Road to Roberts Road and south. On Sept. 17, Gour crossed the tracks and met a contingent of law enforcement, officers from both Fairfax County Police and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Police.

The two organizations teamed up that day to spread awareness of safety and laws surrounding railroad tracks, which are considered private property and are illegal to cross.

Gour was stopped by Norfolk Southern special agent Matthew Caplan out of Manassas, who explained the safety risks and legal repercussions of crossing to him.

“I do understand, the warning was fair,” Gour said. But since he makes the trip three times a day, the ten minutes crossing the tracks saves him adds up. “If you want your Hot Pockets quick, are you going to use the microwave or the oven?” he said. “You’re going to look for the easiest way.”

The Norfolk Southern Police are executing a year-long Trespass Abatement Program and chose to focus on five locations in Fairfax County this day because of the number of injuries and casualties involving railroad property locations seen here in the last two years.

The Norfolk Southern Railroad Police reported three fatalities in Fairfax County in 2014, two of which were juveniles. Other law enforcement-trespasser interactions that year included 19 who were warned and ejected (15 juveniles) and three arrests (2 juveniles).

Year-to-date in 2015, the railroad police said there are no casualties but a juvenile sustained multiple lacerations and a broken hand. Fifteen individuals were warned and ejected (11 juveniles) and there have been four arrests, all of which were juveniles.

Supervisory special agent George



Adil Gour, of Burke (left), receives a warning from Norfolk Southern Railroad Police special agent Matthew Caplan (right) after he crossed the Virginia Railway Express tracks by the Burke Station.

Kaufmann with the Norfolk Southern Police said the law enforcement group has been trying to approach as many individuals and local businesses as possible, including handing out 800 informational pamphlets to 74 businesses in the Burke area.

“If we can save one life, it’s well worth the effort,” Kaufmann said.

In addition to the Burke Virginia Railway Express station, another problem area is a spot on the same tracks next to Old Burke Lake Road where hundreds of students from Lake Braddock Secondary School are known to cut through and cross.

“They’re just oblivious, ignorant,” said Eric Ivancic, 2nd Lt. with the Fairfax County



Eric Ivancic, 2nd Lt. with the Fairfax County West Springfield District “Bike Team,” sees a major problem with students using train tracks as a cut-through while walking to and from school.

Safety Reminders from Police

- ❖ **Trespassing on railroad tracks is dangerous and illegal.** The tracks, rail yards and equipment are private property. Walking, hunting, fishing, etc. on railroad tracks is considered trespassing. You could be hurt or killed.
- ❖ **The only safe place to cross railroad tracks is at designated public crossings where there are warning signals.** If you cross anywhere else, you can be ticketed and fined.
- ❖ **Trains overhang the tracks by at least three feet on either side.** If you are in the right of way near a track, you can be hit.
- ❖ **Do not hunt, fish, or bungee jump from railroad trestles.** Trestles only have room for a train. They are not designed to be sidewalks or pedestrian bridges. Never walk, run, cycle or drive ATVs on tracks, rights of way or through rail tunnels.
- ❖ **Never attempt to hop aboard railroad equipment.** A slip of the foot could cost you your life.

West Springfield District “Bike Team.” “The complacency and the headphones are a dangerous recipe.

Members of the bike team and railroad police positioned themselves on either side

of the Old Burke Lake Road cut-through to stop any students trying to cross.

Caplan said information was also being distributed to Student Resource Officers in the area for them to disseminate.

Fairfax NAACP To Host Rally

Seeking 'Justice for Natasha McKenna.'

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County NAACP president Shirley Ginwright announced a rally will be held Sept. 27 to demand justice for Natasha McKenna, a 37-year-old woman with mental illness who died in February after she had been held in the Adult Detention Center.

During a struggle with a team of deputies who attempted to remove her from her cell and transport her to Alexandria police — who had a warrant for her arrest — McKenna was tased four times.

Sheriff Stacey Kincaid recently released a video of the incident, following a report from Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh that he determined none of the individuals involved had committed any criminal offense.

"Anyone who watched the 48-minute video released last week of Natasha McKenna's last conscious moments cannot help but be horrified," Ginwright said in a statement. "Those who have read the 52-page report from Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh and his conclusion that it was a 'tragic accident' cannot help but wonder, 'What video was he watching?'"

Ginwright said she has been in touch with McKenna's family through their lawyer and that the



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

Commissioner Shirley Ginwright, chairman, Communities of Trust Committee and president of the Fairfax County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, responds to protesters for Natasha McKenna at the public forum of the Fairfax County police practices review commission.

woman's mother is planning to attend the rally, where she'll make her first public statement on the incident. There will also be speakers from the Virginia and national NAACP groups, American Civil Liberties Union, members of McKenna's family, the family lawyer and social activist groups.

The rally will be held Sunday, Sept. 27, beginning at 2 p.m. on the grounds of the Fairfax County Courthouse, 4140 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

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FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 25-26

Children's Consignment Sale.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Children's clothing and toys in good condition available for purchase.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Community Coffee House. 6-9 p.m. The Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse, 8511 Hooes Road, Springfield. Community coffee house, benefiting the Historic Sydenstricker Schoolhouse featuring live music, coffee and baked goods donated by members of the community and local businesses. Donations appreciated.

Community Shredding Day.

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Parking lot between Whole Foods and Patrick Henry Library, 133 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Gain peace of mind by bringing outdated personal documents to on-site shredding service provided by TrueShred. Non-perishable canned good will also be collected for donation to Food for Others during this event.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

Burke Historical Society Meeting.

4:30 p.m. Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. This meeting will discuss the history of the "infrastructure" of the local jazz scene: the performance venues, festivals, educational institutions, and radio programs that have helped to support the music over the years.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 29

Friends of Burke Lake Park Information Meeting.

7-8 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Come find out how you can support Burke Lake Park through community and philanthropic activities.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Bikes for the World Collection.

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saint Mary of Sorrows Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. October 3rd from 9 a.m. to noon.

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Pedestrian Killed on Braddock Road

A pedestrian was pronounced dead at the scene after being struck by a car on Braddock Road, west of Twinbrook Drive. The crash occurred Thursday, Sept. 17 around 9:58 p.m., Fairfax County Police said. A 71-year-old man driving a 2004 BMW was traveling west on Braddock Road through a left-through lane before the pedestrian walked in front of his moving vehicle. Police are withholding the identity of the 37-year-old male pedestrian. They said alcohol may have been a factor for him and are continuing to investigate the case.

—TIM PETERSON

Text to 9-1-1 Service Goes Live in Fairfax County

In emergency situations where calling 9-1-1 isn't possible, Fairfax County residents now have another option: texting.

The County announced Tuesday that residents with text or data plans on through Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile are now able to request emergency services by texting "911" in the "to" or "recipient" field on their phones, followed by a short first message including the location of the emergency and whether police, firefighters or an ambulance are needed.

The service is available in Fairfax County, the towns of Herndon, Vienna and Clifton, and city of Fairfax, the report says.

Steve Souder, director of the Fairfax County 9-1-1 center, said, "it allows the person that is unable to hear or hearing impaired, a person that is in a precarious situation where it is not in their best interests or safety to voice a 9-1-1 call, or where perhaps a person injured and is unable to voice a 9-1-1 call — it now provides them the opportunity, using a smart device, to text a 9-1-1 call."

For more information on how the service works, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/text-to-9-1-1-launches-in-fairfax-county.

—TIM PETERSON

Fairfax County Hosts Volunteer Fair

Older adults, seniors, and retirees looking for flexible, meaningful volunteer opportunities are invited to "Venture into Volunteering," a free volunteer fair, on Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Lorton Workhouse Arts, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton.

The Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Area Agency on Aging, AARP, Fairfax County Park Authority, RSVP Northern Virginia (Volunteer Fairfax, Volunteer Alexandria, and Volunteer Arlington) and The Positive Aging Coalition are partnering to host this event. More than 30 organizations and Fairfax County agencies will be on hand to talk about their volunteer programs and benefits.

Refreshments will be provided and participants will have an opportunity to enter a prize drawing.

For more information or to request reasonable ADA accommodations, contact Jeannine Deem Purdy, Fairfax Area Agency on Aging, at 703-704-6075, TTY 711, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

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OPINION

Remembering Reston's Civil Rights Icon

"A local giant is gone from our midst. But his spirit and legacy will remain in Reston and beyond."

BY GERALD E. CONNOLLY
U.S. REP. (D-11)

No one can say Bob Simon didn't lead a full life, but that fact doesn't make his loss any easier. To the end of his 101 years, he was a grand man of extraordinary vision, heart, compassion, humor and charm.

Last year my office embarked on a project to celebrate the Civil Rights Movement by capturing the histories, memories and stories of those who fought for equality. Our goal was to make sure we allowed these brave voices to share their accounts, firsthand, and preserve them for future generations. Today, that archive is available at <http://ethnography.gmu.edu/collections/the-northern-virginia-civil-rights-archive>.

I was fortunate to bring Bob into this project and sit down with him for a few hours to hear his civil rights story. Most of us know Bob as the founder of Reston, but it is his legacy as a civil rights icon and its lasting impact on our community, that I will forever hold in my heart. You see, Bob hated discrimination and bigotry

because he experienced anti-Semitism firsthand as a young man. That experience forged in him a passion – a quiet passion – to build a small corner of the world where equality would be a reality.

Bob's insistence on making Reston the first racially-integrated housing development in Virginia made him a civil rights pioneer. It was not the popular thing to do, and he lost critical investment opportunities because of this decision. But to Bob, it was not a matter of doing the easy thing, or the popular thing. It was about doing the right thing. He had great clarity that to realize his vision of Reston there could be no racial barriers. To fulfill Reston's goals we had to be inclusive and welcoming.

Throughout his long life, Bob's moral compass remained true. He was an environmentalist before the term was invented, a patron of the arts, and passionate advocate for social justice. Northern Virginia owes much of its character and success to Bob. I feel this loss sharply and shall miss his dedication, his laugh and his friendship. A local giant is gone from our midst. But his spirit and legacy will remain in Reston and beyond.



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Congressman Gerald E. Connolly:
"Bob's insistence on making Reston the first racially-integrated housing development in Virginia made him a civil rights pioneer."

Chamber Urges Congress to Avoid Another Shutdown

Dear Members of the Northern Virginia Congressional Delegation,

On behalf of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce (Fairfax Chamber), representing nearly 700 member companies with more than 500,000 employees across Northern Virginia, we urge you and your colleagues in Congress to act immediately to find a path forward to enact legislation to continue funding the federal government beyond Sept. 30, without interruption. For the federal government to shut down would be so harmful to our region it would be, in a word, irresponsible.

A substantial segment of Virginia's economy is tied to the federal government, with federal contractors in the private sector employing a vast number of workers here in our region and throughout the Commonwealth. In addition, Northern Virginia is home to more than 65,000 federal employees and is where more than 110,000 federal employees work. As such, Northern Virginia's diverse business commu-

nity, the economic engine of the Commonwealth, is tremendously impacted by federal expenditures.

Congress' inability in the past to enact individual appropriations bills, and rather to instead fund the government from continuing resolution to continuing resolution, has caused significant uncertainty and greatly disrupted business planning by federal contractors in the region. Such practices, combined with annual threats of government shutdowns and, in 2013, an actual shutdown, have caused private sector businesses of all sizes throughout Northern Virginia serious economic harm and forced them to lay off or furlough employees.

We are gravely concerned that such economic dislocation will again occur if the federal government shuts down on Oct. 1. Also, as you know, the impact of a shutdown would not be limited to the federal government and federal contractor workers in Virginia. As has been shown in the past, the downstream ef-

fects of a shutdown will also be harmful to small businesses in Northern Virginia and across the Commonwealth.

The Chamber recognizes the importance of restraining federal spending and different budget priorities for members of Congress. However with the U.S. economy continuing to underperform, Congress needs to act now to avoid inflicting any more substantial and enduring damage on the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States as a whole.

Congress must continue to fund the operations of government in a budget-conscious way, while avoiding any more damaging fiscal show-downs. We need and expect nothing less. Accordingly, we urge you to work with your colleagues and leadership to promptly enact legislation by Oct. 1 to fund the operations of the federal government without interruption.

Sincerely,
Jim Corcoran, President & CEO
Fairfax Chamber of Commerce

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Powerful and Accountable

To the Editor:

With your focus on the recent death of an inmate, I want to congratulate you for dealing with a serious PR problem Fairfax County has been developing.

Virginia and this county maintain an admirable fear level among

wrong doers that helps to keep this a great state and county to live in. But, when that turns into front page stories about torture with stun guns and stonewalling we are absolutely going to be punished nationally and internationally at a time when we must be building new bridges and attracting the best people to maintain our standard of life and living here.

Please keep the pressure on to

fix this without turning this region into another crime friendly, revolving door justice, victims last place to live like Maryland and all of New England. We are not Texas but we are not chumps either. We need well regulated law enforcement that is powerful and accountable.

Drake Wauters
McLean

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NEWS

Taking the Helm at Workhouse

Ava Spece named president and CEO of Workhouse Arts Center.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

The selection of Ava Spece to lead the Workhouse was due to her vast, deep appreciation and passion for the Arts as well as her strength, poise and character to help us achieve the dreams envisioned by the Workhouse,” said Tim Rizer, chair, Workhouse Arts Foundation Board.

In accepting the appointment Spece noted that, “The Workhouse Arts Center is a truly remarkable place for artists, community members and art lovers to explore and engage in all facets of the visual and performing arts. I feel honored and privileged to be joining this dynamic environment. The vision is incredible and to be on board at such a vibrant time is invigorating.”

Spece described the Workhouse as “an impressive facility with a unique, exciting mission.” In an interview, she indicated she looks forward to working with “a very engaged Board, a dedicated staff, remarkable artists and community involvement” to build high impact and appeal for all ages.

“The arts are so valuable to everyone. They can help us feel valued and can help us discover who we



**Ava Spece,
president and
CEO Workhouse
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are at any age,” said Spece. “Arts audiences are no longer content to be passive viewers. They want an experience and we plan to build interactive experiences for visitors to the Workhouse.”

With a career spanning over twenty years leading both non-profit and for-profit organizations, Spece was selected after a national search. Her previous work includes leadership as the president and CEO of the Visual Arts Center of Richmond; executive director for DC Youth Orchestra; and consultant for Mannheim Rocket. She is currently on the Board of Virginians for the Arts and DC Advocates for the Arts.

The Workhouse Arts Center, a cultural and historical landmark, opened in 2008 in the readapted former prison in Lorton. Visual and performing arts programs and a variety of arts education programs now serve thousands of students, regional studio artists and visitors on the 55-acre campus.

Outgoing President John Mason, “was the perfect leader for the conversion of the Lorton Arts Foundation into the Workhouse Arts Center,” said Rizer. “He brilliantly and doggedly fought to save the promise of the Workhouse Arts Center through the most difficult and complicated times.” “We are ready to go,” Rizer added; “be prepared to be amazed: Great things are just starting to happen at the Workhouse.”

Fairfax Author Speaks on New Civil War History

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, Fairfax author Mark Tooley will speak at 7 p.m. at City of Fairfax Regional Library, Fairfax, on his his new book, “The Peace that Almost Was: The Forgotten Story of the 1861 Washington Peace Conference and the Final Attempt to Avert the Civil War.”

His history is the first in over 50 years on the tense days in D.C. in early 1861 when some of the America’s most important statesmen, led by former President John Tyler, gathered at the Willard Hotel to try and prevent national disaster. The book recounts not only the attempts at political compromise over slavery but also the colorful interplay of personalities involved, social and religious life in D.C. on the eve of Civil War, and the drama over Abraham Lincoln’s arrival for his inauguration.

Tooley will be speaking as part of the annual Fall for the



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Mark Tooley

Book literary festival sponsored by, among others, Fairfax Public Library and George Mason University. He is a native of Arlington, a 28 year resident of Fairfax County, a frequent commentator on politics, religion and history, and a lifelong Civil War buff.

For more info on Tooley’s Sept. 30 talk and Fall for the Book:

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Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) (left) and Fairfax County NAACP president Shirley Ginwright (center) present (right) Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) with a president's award acknowledging his work to include Hybla Valley and Gum Springs communities in Fairfax County revitalization.



Fairfax County NAACP president Shirley Ginwright (left) presents the community service award to Valerie (center) and Rubin Cuffee (right), who accepted it on behalf of Celeste Peterson. Peterson and her husband Grafton created the Erin Peterson scholarship Fund in honor of their daughter who died in 2007 at Virginia Tech.

Your Vote, Your Power

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

J.E.B. Stuart High School seniors Anna Rowan, Cassie Marcotty, Marley Finley, Abby Conde and Lidia Amanuel were bothered by the Confederate legacy of their school. Inspired by a history class with teacher Keith Bropst on the Massive Resistance anti-segregation policy, the girls set out to change Stuart's name, mascot and colors. They suggested a name change to Thurgood Marshall, in honor of U.S. Supreme Court's first African American justice.

The Students for Change, as their group is known, were among several recipients of awards at the 70th Fairfax County NAACP Freedom Fund banquet, held Sept. 19 at the Waterford reception hall in Springfield. There were two president's award winners, including the students, and two community service award winners.

"These are students who saw that a change needed to be made and made that change," said Fairfax County NAACP president Shirley Ginwright. "They didn't worry about the repercussions."

The students have gained support through a petition and are working to connect more with community members in the Falls Church neighborhoods that feed Stuart prior to a Fairfax County School Board vote scheduled for early 2016.

"It's great to be recognized," said Cassie Marcotty. "We've gotten mixed reactions, but overall there's been a supportive, lovely community."



(From left) J.E.B. Stuart High School seniors Anna Rowan, Cassie Marcotty, Marley Finley, Abby Conde and Lidia Amanuel accept the Fairfax County NAACP president's award recognizing their Students for Change petition to change the name of their school to Thurgood Marshall.

Now, the girls are trying to raise awareness in their school, including sharing a new video they shot the same day as the awards. Over the summer, they also met with members of the Fairfax County NAACP who offered support and guidance.

The students have reached out to School Board members, including Mason District representative Sandy Evans. They met with Evans, "but everyone is staying neutral until after the election," Marcotty said.

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) received the second president's award in recognition of his work on the revitalization of the Route 1 corridor and keeping the Hybla Valley and Gum Springs communities involved in the process.

In his acceptance speech, Surovell told the story of his grandparents moving to a Fairfax County farmhouse from Brooklyn in 1935. As politically active and progres-

sive Jewish people, "They joined the only organization who would take them," Surovell said, "the NAACP."

Surovell said his grandmother told him stories about gaining the right to vote, the poll tax and desegregating schools in Fairfax County. "It's a sound base to guide my actions going forward," he said. "We still have a lot of work to go."

Community Service awards went to Debbie Kilpatrick, president of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs, and Celeste Peterson, who, together with her husband Grafton created the Erin Peterson scholarship Fund in honor of their daughter who died in 2007 at Virginia Tech.

Keynote speaker for the afternoon was Eric Broyles, a Washington, D.C.-based attorney and co-author of the book "Encounters with Police: A Black Man's Guide to Survival." Broyles spoke briefly about the book, explaining how it

was co-written with his best friend, who is himself a cop.

But the majority of Broyles' speech focused on the mantra "Your vote, your power; It's your vote or your blood" as a pathway for change. He talked about the importance of African Americans registering to vote and being more engaged with the democratic process.

"Most police officers are honorable, good people," Broyles said, but there can be some bad officers and bad leadership, which is why it's important for more African Americans to "get involved in the electoral process."

At the conclusion of the awards, president Ginwright announced the organization's plan to promote Virginia General Assembly bills for raising the felony robbery charge amount from \$200 to \$850 and having records expunged in certain circumstances.

Local Student Helps Globally

TJHSST junior named National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador.

BY MARISSA BEALE
THE CONNECTION



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Christopher Cao, from Fairfax City, was one of 51 students recently selected across the country to be a National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador. As part of this honor, Cao received a \$1,000 grant and training to lead a large-scale service initiative to impact the lives of children.

Youth Service America and the Festival of Children Foundation recently named Fairfax City resident, Christopher Cao, a National Child Awareness Month Youth Ambassador.

Cao, a 16-year-old CEO and junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, was one of the program's 51 nationally-recognized students that are making difference in their communities. They are recognizing the work he has done with Reboot for Youth, a nonprofit he founded to get computers in the hands of youth in need.

"It's really a great blessing," said Cao of this recognition. "I plan to expand to more global projects."

Reboot for Youth refurbishes old computers and then distributes them to children that need them for school. These computers have been distributed to youth in Fairfax County, and abroad in Costa Rica, Vietnam, Cambodia and Kenya. With the \$1,000 grant from the Festival of Children Foundation, Cao has added Liberia to the list.

"I think a lot of that money is going to go to our project and development in Liberia. We are planning on sending 70 laptops," said the young CEO.

"Our main focus in Liberia is to receive funding that

will help with shipping costs and maintaining Keepod devices. That's one of the major hurdles at the moment and we're hoping to find some more generous partners."

Keepod, a USB storage device with the capacity to hold a computer's entire operating system, would let students store their entire computer on the device, rather than on the computer's hard drive.

"We combined hardware with the Keepod software....[It's] really simple for each student to learn and be more familiar with," said Cao.

Having access to a computer plays an important role in a child's education, and Cao's focus is on filling educational gaps created by income disparities. According to the website, Reboot for Youth has donated 139 computers since 2014, impacting 336 students daily. Cao's mission is to make sure each student has an equal access to education.

To donate or request a computer, visit their website atrebootforyouth.org.

SCHOOL NOTES

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William Douglas Krawczak of Springfield has been recognized by George Mason University on the school's dean's list for his academic achievement during the spring semester. William graduated from West Springfield High School and is double majoring in English and Economics at George Mason University. Recognition on the George Mason University dean's list is reserved for students who were registered for 12 or more semester hours and received a grade point average of 3.2 or higher with no grade below a C for the previous semester's work.

Katie Bershadsky, born and raised in Burke, has been selected to the Delta Epsilon Iota Academic Honor Society in the local chapter at Kennesaw State University. Delta Epsilon Iota was established to recognize and encourage academic excellence in all fields of study. Bershadsky is expected to graduate in 2018 with a major in public relations. Her parents are Scott and Kim Bershadsky. Her grandparents Malcolm and Marcia have lived in Burke for more than 30 years.

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From left — Sam Cornbrooks, 17, of Springfield, Chad Vann, 16, of Lorton, and James Woods, 16, of Alexandria.



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Metro School of the Arts Students Present 'Songs for a New World'

Metropolitan Youth Theatre students of the Metropolitan School of the Arts (MSA) of Alexandria and Lorton will present its student-directed and produced performance of Jason Robert Brown's "Songs for a New World" on Friday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 7 at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 8 at 2 p.m. at the W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased online at www.metropolitanarts.org.

This production is completely student run and performed by Metropolitan School of the Arts high school students studying to have careers in theatre.

Chad Vann of Alexandria is the director, while Sam Cornbrooks of Springfield is the producer and James Woods of Northern Virginia is the music director.

Newcomer Jason Robert Brown, composer-lyricist of the critical smash "Parade," transports his audience from the deck of a 1492 Spanish sailing ship to a ledge 57 stories above Fifth Avenue to meet a startling array of characters ranging from a young man who has determined that basketball is his ticket out of the ghetto to a woman whose dream of marrying rich nabs her the man of her dreams and a soulless marriage. These are the stories and characters of today, the songs for a new world.



PHOTOS BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

(From left) Sara, Johnathan, Rick and Ben Breaux, of Fairfax, and Catherine Saliba, of Manassas, embark on the corn maze at the Whitehall Farms Fall Fun Days.



Gaby Garcia, a junior at George Mason University, visits with Henry, a Jersey steer who's become the unofficial mascot of Whitehall Farms.

Amazing Raise

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

In July, Jeff Waters' three-acre corn maze was just a figment of his imagination. The stubby stalks were behind schedule but he never lost hope they would make it in time. When Whitehall Farms, LLC — over 200 acres bordering on the Clifton, Fairfax Station and Fairfax areas — opened its first annual Fall Fun Days festival on Sept. 19, the corn was plenty high to get lost in.

Waters' wife Nadine Vazquez grew up on the farm where her father Martin, a Cuban immigrant and medic in World War II, raised cattle. To save the family farm, rather than sell the property to developers, Waters decided to start a sustainable farming operation and market that would also employ and benefit veterans and vets' organizations.

His vision for the festival was a laid-back environment where families could spread out and enjoy the farm's open space, walk a corn maze, pick pumpkins, mingle with livestock and go for a tractor-drawn hayride. Even at full capacity, Waters expects the open field area of the farm to allow 300 square feet of space per patron.

The first day of the festival, summer-like temperatures kept numbers down somewhat below Waters' hopes, but he expects things to pick up as it begins to feel more like fall. As for the patrons who did come out the first weekend, "We've gotten a great response so far," Waters said. "They like how



(From left) Daniel, Andy, Benjamin, Joseph and Catherine Holden of Fairfax prepare for the one-mile hayride at Whitehall Farms Fall Fun Days.

laid back it is; it's completely different than anything around us."

He's particularly proud of the one-mile round-trip hayride through a wooded area of the farm. Three rented tractors pull wagons over a trail of milled asphalt freshly delivered from Colchester Road.

Sunday of the first weekend, slightly lower temperatures brought out Jennifer Flynn and her children of Ashburn, who was meeting her friend from Centreville. "It's a perfect day to get outside and play," Flynn said. "We live in a townhouse; the kids love

space, it's great they can run around and be a kid."

Sara Breaux, of Fairfax, also appreciated the less crowded but "very friendly" atmosphere. As she and her family began to walk through the dense stalks of corn, she said she was excited to "Be Harry Potter," referencing a maze scene from the "Goblet of Fire" book in the popular series.

Whitehall Farms Fall Fun Days runs Saturdays and Sundays until Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.whitehall.farm.

Whitehall Farms begins fall festival featuring corn maze

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THURSDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 24-26

Children's Book Sale. 6 p.m. Thursday till 2 p.m. on Saturday. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Children's books of all ages will be available to purchase.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 24-27

Fall for the Book Sale. Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 1-4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 25

A Taste of the Vine. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Historic Fairfax City, Inc. is sponsoring a Wine Tasting Fundraiser to benefit the historic Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center. Sample wines from local vineyards paired with hors d'oeuvres. Silent Auction. Tour the Historic Mansion. Free parking. \$55 per person. For reservations contact Hildie Carney at 703-591-5305 or visit the website at www.historicfairfax.org.

TGIFairfax Rock the Block: Almost Journey/U2. 6-9 p.m. Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The second best U2 show in the world and the complete Journey experience. www.fairfaxva.gov/RockTheBlock

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Fall Book Sale. Friday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday: 1-3 p.m. Thousands of gently-read books in all categories including art, architecture, history, cooking, gardening, foreign language, travel, spirituality, reference, classic and popular fiction.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

Pohick Annual County Fair. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The 70th Annual Country Fair includes games, booths, barbecue, homemade apple butter, historic church tours, living history re-enactors, organ concerts, live music, pony rides and more. 703-339-6572. <http://www.pohick.org>.

Fighting Chance 8K Run/Walk. 8 a.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Burke. Run to give an orphaned child a fighting chance for a future free from poverty, disease and violence. Register for the 8K run/walk at www.2540.org

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Azalea Sale. 1-4 p.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. The Northern Virginia Chapter, Azalea Society of America (ASA), will be holding their 8th Annual Public Azalea Sale and Auction.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 26-27

Workhouse Fall Arts Festival 2015. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Over 100 of the nation's best artists will exhibit their original fine art and crafts. The two-day outdoor festival will include work by artists from across the Mid-Atlantic region, showcasing paintings, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, handcrafted furniture and much more.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

The Best Roses for Your Garden. 2-4 p.m. Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Learn new roses and the best sources for ordering roses that are hard to find, full of form or fragrant.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27 - SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Annual Fall for the Book Festival. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A week-long, multiple-venue, regional festival that brings together people of all ages and interests. Featured authors are National Book Award winner Tim O'Brien and "Outlander" author Diana Gabaldon. Visit www.fallforthebookfestival.org

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Music and Movin' with Miss

Susan. 11:15 a.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Miss Susan for singing and moving to music with your little ones.

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4:30 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Learn about the hidden insects that can be found in decomposing logs that you dissect yourself with the help of staff from Hidden Pond Nature Center.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 29

Celebrate Calm Workshop.

7-9 p.m. Irving Middle School Barker Hall, 8100 Old Keene Mill, Springfield. Ten ways to stop defiance, disrespect and yelling. Free parent workshop presented by Kirk and Casey Martin.

Tai Chi.

10 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Come experience the benefits of Tai Chi led by Dante Gilmer of Still Water Tai Chi Center. Wear comfortable clothes that allow movement. Adult.

Storytime at Old Town Square.

10:30 a.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Come across the street to Old Town Square to hear some stories, weather permitting. Age 2-5 with adult.

Meet Author Colin Gunderson.

7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Meet Colin Gunderson, former Los Angeles Dodgers staff member and author of "Tommy Lasorda: My Way." Books available for sale and signing.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 30

Meet Author Mark Tooley.

7 p.m. City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Meet Mark Tooley, author of The Peace That Almost Was: The Forgotten Story of the 1861 Washington Peace Conference and the Final Attempt to Avert the Civil War. Books available for sale and signing.

Celebrate Calm Workshop.

9:30-11:30 a.m. St. Andrew's Episcopal Preschool, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Ten ways to stop defiance, disrespect and yelling with America's Calm Coach Kirk Martin and his son, Casey.

A is for Apple.

10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce Street, Springfield. Fun stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

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4 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Learn openings, strategies, tactics, and more. Players paired with others of similar skill.

THURSDAY/OCT. 1

Jammin' Book Party.

Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Explore fun stories and games.



The Workhouse Arts Center present its inaugural 2015 Workhouse Fall Arts Festival on Sept. 26-27. Over 100 of the best artists, including visiting artists from around the country and the artists at the Workhouse, will exhibit painting, ceramics, glass, fiber/clothing, mixed media, wood, jewelry, printmaking, photography, furniture, digital art and sculpture.

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FRIDAY/OCT. 2

Movie Night in the Campground.

7-9 p.m. Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Join in the fun of Movie Night by watching Ghostbusters at the Campground at Burke Lake Park this fall.

An Afternoon with Tim Federle.

4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Tim Federle, author of books for middle graders including Better Nate Than Ever and its sequel, Five, Six, Seven, Nate! Books available for sale and signing.

SATURDAY/OCT. 3

Art in the Courtyard.

11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center, 8998 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and artists from Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and even digital artwork. Each artist will display and sell their work from booths lining the Courtyard. Festival guests will have the opportunity to talk to the artists, get to know them, and ask questions about their stories and inspirations.

Country-Western Dance.

7:30-10 p.m. The Salvation Army, Fairfax Corps, 4915 Ox Road, Fairfax. Couples and singles welcome. \$5-

\$12. www.nvcwda.org.

Concerts from Kirkwood Season Opener.

3 p.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. New York-based pianist Martin Soderberg presenting an exciting program of music by Spanish and Latin composers.

Music, Fun and Faith Fest.

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. This will be a family fun day of musical performances by musicians and ministers from the 10 Northern Virginia UU congregations, a "preach-off," food, fun, a bounce house. face painting, games, prizes, and lots of stuff for the whole family in a carnival atmosphere. \$5.

Teen Writers Club.

2 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, non-fiction and/or memoirs? Join us for sharing, discussion and feedback of works in progress. Teen volunteer facilitates.

SUNDAY/OCT. 4

Railroad Technology Exhibit.

1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road. Contributions by local inventors since the early days of railroading and "futuristic" concepts, still being used today, will be highlighted. \$2-\$4.

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Lake Braddock Football Holds Off Robinson Rally

**Bruins build 21-0
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BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After outscoring Lee and Annandale 109-0 in its first two games, the Lake Braddock football team appeared on its way to a third consecutive lopsided victory when the Bruins entered halftime of Friday's rivalry contest against Robinson with a three-touchdown lead.

But thanks to a conservative second-half approach by Lake Braddock and a pair of fourth-quarter touchdown passes by Robinson, a potential blowout turned into an early-season test for the Bruins.

Robinson tight end Mason Velasquez's second touchdown reception pulled the Rams within a single score with 32 seconds remaining, but Lake Braddock recovered the ensuing onside kick and held on for a 21-14 victory on Sept. 18 at Robinson Secondary School.

LAKE BRADDOCK improved to 3-0, while Robinson fell to 1-2.

The Lake Braddock defense held opponents scoreless for the first 11 quarters of the season before surrendering two touchdowns to Robinson in Friday's final 10 minutes. The Bruins also failed to score in the second half after producing 130 points in the season's first 10 quarters.

"We killed them early," Lake Braddock junior running back/safety Lamont Atkins said. "Offensive line did great, defense did great, we all did great, but then in the second half we had a couple mental errors. ... It shouldn't have been close, but, as I said, we had a couple mental breakdowns."

The Bruins built a 21-0 halftime lead with a run-heavy offense. Lake Braddock continued to pound the ball on the ground in the second half, but found limited success.

After the game, Lake Braddock head coach Jim Poythress wondered whether the Bruins should have turned to the passing game in the second half.

"Maybe I got too conservative — run it down, run the clock down," Poythress said. "We probably should have spread them out at that point and chucked it. We had them about to break, and I just wanted to stay with what we were doing. [The Robinson defense loaded] it up and [that] makes it hard to run."

Meanwhile, Robinson started creeping back into the game. Rams quarterback Alex Miller rolled to his left and connected with Velasquez for a 16-yard touchdown with 9:38 remaining, cutting the Lake Braddock lead to 21-7.

Later, after stopping the Bruins on fourth and 2 with less than 2 minutes remaining, the Rams needed 41 seconds to drive 93 yards in five plays, cutting the Lake



Lake Braddock defenders Andrew Niedringhaus (44), Daniel Dinges (51), Asa Ward (3) and Ibrahim Mansaray (25) swarm Robinson ball carrier Dajon Lee during Friday's game at Robinson Secondary School.

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Lake Braddock's David Fofi (2) and Peyton Scott celebrate Fofi's second-quarter touchdown reception during the Bruins' 21-14 win over Robinson on Sept. 18.

Braddock lead to seven when Miller hit Velasquez for a 30-yard touchdown.

Poythress said he could sense nervousness on the Lake Braddock sideline late in the game.

"They need to develop confidence and they need to learn how to put people away," he said. "When we can do that, we'll have a good team. Until then, we're just a pretty good team."

The Bruins held on to win, recovering the ensuing onside kick and running out the clock with three kneel downs.

Lake Braddock ran the ball 36 times for 108 yards and two touchdowns.

"I would describe it as smash-mouth football," Atkins said. "We just let our linemen do what they need to do and they did a great job today. We just did what we do best."

Atkins finished with 11 carries, often times taking a direct snap, and a team-high 72 yards. His 5-yard touchdown run with 35 seconds remaining in the first half gave Lake Braddock a 21-0 lead.

"We've been after him to run harder and let his speed take over," Poythress said. "I

thought he did a good job."

Edwards carried 17 times for 18 yards and a touchdown.

"Smash mouth," is how Edwards described Lake Braddock's running game. "Up front, it's a mentality that we want to impose on the other team. This was a great test for us playing a traditional, perennial runner like Robinson, just to see how we can match up and can we run the ball. Obviously, I think we can run the ball on them, but this is just a piece of the plan trying to run the ball down in the playoffs."

Edwards completed 10 of 17 passes for 97 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted once.

Lake Braddock took a 7-0 lead on its first possession, when Edwards punched it in from 1 yard with 2:07 remaining in the opening quarter. The Bruins traveled 64 yards in 12 plays, using 4 minutes, 38 seconds.

Robinson's ensuing possession ended with a lost fumble, and Lake Braddock responded with a five-play, 52-yard drive, ending with an 11-yard touchdown pass from Edwards

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Lamont Atkins**

to David Fofi with 9:41 left in the second quarter.

Robinson lost another fumble at its own 14-yard line late in the first half and Lake Braddock capitalized with a 5-yard touchdown run by Atkins, extending its lead to 21-0.

The Rams fumbled four times in the first half, losing two.

"We were our own worst enemy in the first half," Robinson head coach Scott Vossler said, "but you've got to give a lot of credit to Lake Braddock."

ROBINSON, a wing-T team that relies heavily on the ground game, generated points through the passing game in the fourth quarter. Miller did not attempt a pass in the first half and missed on both his third-quarter throws. The junior completed 4 of 9 attempts in the fourth quarter for 109 yards and two touchdowns, with Velasquez on the receiving end of all four completions.

"We work on that stuff all the time," Vossler said about the passing game. "We obviously want to do it on our own terms instead of when people force us to do it. It's something that we're open to doing if we feel like we've got that advantage. Quite honestly, I think [Lake Braddock's] secondary is pretty good and I think they might have got lulled to sleep a little bit just by not having to cover a whole lot throughout the game. I've seen those guys on film, and I think we might have got lucky a little bit tonight there at the end doing that stuff."

Robinson ran the ball 37 times for 131 yards. Dajon Lee finished with a team-high 52 yards on nine carries. Sean Foncha rushed 14 times for 36 yards, Roman Lowery carried eight times for 23 yards and Miller rushed six times for 20 yards.

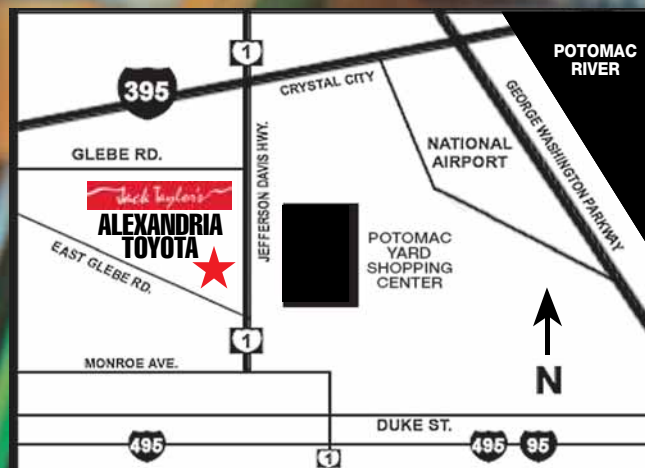
Robinson defensive back Wes Richmond and linebacker Tyler Iriando intercepted passes.

Lake Braddock will travel to face West Potomac at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25. Robinson will host Oakton.

"Honestly, 109-0 sounds great," Edwards said, "but being tested is what's going to help you go on in the playoffs."

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Remodeling in 2015: All about Family

Adapting your home so it tracks your family's development over the years.

BY JOSHUA BAKER
BOWA

Almost every luxury remodel starts with the same question “How can we improve our family’s life at home?” But this answer varies as our families grow, age and evolve. And the best designs consider both current and future needs.

For young families, the focus is almost always child-centric. Kitchens are designed with low drawers for easy access to the most important items, like sippy cups and napkins. Refrigerator drawers installed as beverage stations and below-the-counter microwaves allow the “vertically challenged” to help themselves. Study areas are incorporated into family spaces to allow for parent-child interaction at homework time.

Creative storage solutions and child-friendly finishes, like washable wall paint, chalk-board paint in play areas, and custom ceramic tiles featuring kids’ artwork in their bath, all lend to a successful design.

In the teen years, the question asked most often is, “How do I create the house where all the kids and their friends want to hang out?” For this age group, creative basement remodels with game areas are most popular, and perhaps not surprisingly, basement bars are often minimized or omitted completely. As opposed to the closed-off theaters of the past, media viewing rooms are now open and designed as multi-purpose spaces that also facilitate informal gatherings and entertaining. For the ambitious, outdoor features, such as pools, patios and fire pits, can create a neighborhood destination. (Though pools and water features are of-

ten delayed until kids are old enough to be safe around water.)

Teen-friendly designs often include a family foyer, an entrance from the garage with plenty of storage for sports equipment, coats, backpacks, etc. Other potential opportunities for teens include creating small, fun spaces like lofts in bedrooms, themed bedrooms, and making sure that there are plenty of USB charging stations.

For empty nesters, remodeling typically involves “downsizing” within the home by planning to use the space more efficiently. Often, one-level living is designed for convenience and to reduce energy use. Heating and cooling systems are zoned so only the inhabited areas are fully conditioned when in use. Apartment-style washer and dryers are right sized for a couple. Smaller, drawer-style dishwashers are also available. And, perhaps now is the time to discuss repurposing spaces that were previously used as game rooms or homework stations into areas to accommodate hobbies and interests.

Almost all design discussions should at least contemplate the potential for boomerang kids (children coming home after college), in-laws, or elderly family members who might join the home. For those wanting more independence and privacy, in-law suites sometimes include private entrances and even a small kitchenette. Sometimes kids’ rooms are moved to the basement to add more privacy.

For all of us as we get older, a house that incorporates the principles of universal design, which allow us to live comfortably and safely in the homes we love, is a critical conversation. Design considerations include creating accessibility-friendly baths, kitchens, entrances and passageways and

perhaps reconfiguring to minimize steps. Often, a strategy that comes up is the consideration of the installation of an elevator to facilitate long-time use.

The design priorities for each remodel are unique to the family, but thinking about all the different phases of family life is critical to long-term success.

Josh Baker is the founder and co-chairman of BOWA, an award-winning design and construction company specializing in luxury renovations, remodels and additions in the greater Washington, D.C. area. BOWA has more than 25 years of experience and has been honored with 170 local and national awards. Visit www.bowa.com or call 703-734-9050.



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Evolution of a Family Home

BY JOHN BYRD

Starting in the late 1990s, Paul and Laurie Carter began transforming a simple production house into a personal residence.

Collaborating closely with Sun Design Remodeling, the Carters nursed their vision of an exceptional property with a stunning indoor-outdoor continuum.

This past September, the public was invited to see the results.

Paul and Laurie Carter purchased a new production house in a new neighborhood not far from Mount Vernon. At 3,700 square feet, it was a perfect spot to settle down and raise their son. The schools nearby were excellent; the house was just a few miles from Old Town Alexandria. But there were some things about the property Carters thought they might improve — if they were to stay in residence long enough.

Cramped master bathroom; no family play area; dark rear rooms with no visual continuum; cabinet-cluttered kitchen; builder-grade finishes ... Just a few of the perceived shortcomings.

But skip ahead almost two decades, and the whole house remodel that the public was invited to see this past September demonstrates the kinds of improvements and upgrades that can occur when owners continue to occupy, modifying the environment to suit evolving interests.

In fact: it's no longer merely a house. It's

the Carter's long-term residence.

"The ideal of long term ownership is the option to create a home that, over time, becomes more supportive of favored activities and aesthetic preferences," says Bob Gallagher, Sun Design Remodeling's Executive Vice President. "We are finding this kind of on-going commitment to personalizing a residence much more frequently than in decades past."

Gallagher was at the house Sept. 12 to greet neighbors who wanted to learn more about remodeling in phases. Sun Design had guided the Carters throughout nearly every revision over the past decade. Many guests seem surprised at the project's top-to-bottom scope.

The Carters are quick to acknowledge that their periodic home remodeling efforts have been a logical and sequential response to family needs — beginning with an 18-foot-by-36-foot swimming pool installed on their quarter acre lot in 2006.

"We wanted a place where Paul, our son, Austin, and I could enjoy pleasant summers together as a family," recalls Laurie. "Our remodeling changes reflect the different stages of our lives, and the lifestyle options we wanted to pursue in day-to-day living."

As Austin's circle of friends expanded, for instance, the Carters hired Sun Design Remodeling to convert the home's unfinished lower level into a spacious family room and fitness center complete with a billiards table and TV viewing area suitable for guests of all generations.

During this same time period, Paul and Laurie, both working professionals, sought improvements to the second floor master suite, introducing a sizable master bath with a walk-in shower and changing vestibule. The plan was designed so that one partner could shower, dress and slip off to work without rousing the other partner, who might be still sleeping.

"The new master suite made life more comfortable for both of us," Laurie says, "and it still works beautifully today."

More recently, when Austin left for college, the Carters, now empty nesters,



The Carters purchased the original production house in 1998 and have steadily made focused improvements and upgrades.

began considering ways to better integrate the home's rear suite of rooms with its lovely poolside setting.

The landscaping and mature trees confer a lot of backyard privacy, so the Carters were looking for graceful ideas to better integrate indoor and outdoor horizons. "It made no sense not to have a better view and more natural light from the back of the house," she said. "Also, we didn't have a comfortable outdoor dining zone."

Not surprisingly, the core problem was the home's original floor plan.

Unchanged since the late 1990s, the three rooms on the west-facing rear elevation consisted of a central kitchen flanked by a formal dining room to the right and a family room to the left.

The dining room was sequestered from the kitchen by a floor-to-ceiling wall festooned with builder-grade cabinets. There was one small window above the kitchen sink which was, likewise, bordered by cabinets on two sides. To the left, one entered the family room, which provided an exit to a rear veranda partially covered by a shed roof.

"We had talked about a more open floor plan," Laurie recalls. "But how do you tear down the walls that are holding up the cabinets you use every day?"

As it turned out, this was a good question for Sun Design's Jeremy Fleming, who supervised the Carter's most recent remodeling.

"Something as simple as custom-designed cabinets can inspire a completely new, and much more functional, floor plan," Fleming says.

"Once the Carters were satisfied that the wall between the kitchen and dining room

could come down," he adds, "it was clear that innovative storage solutions would make it possible to further develop a special visual continuum from inside the house."

A counter surface with a gas-fueled cooktop range between the kitchen and the formal dining area, thus, provides storage for both the best family china (accessed from the dining room) and everyday cooking necessities (retrievable from the kitchen). A reach-in pantry next to the refrigerator offers supplemental storage. Though the eye-level cabinet clutter has been deleted, Fleming says there's actually been a 35 percent increase in storage capacity.

To improve natural light, the small kitchen

window has been replaced with a three-part glazing solution consisting of a 45-inch picture window flanked by two double hung windows.

Better yet, with its bianco romano granite surfaces, square flat cabinet facings and bright, reflective wall coloring, the new space has acquired a design elegance that was never previously in evidence.

"An open plan that segues to a free-flowing indoor/outdoor component is the very essence of a transitional-style interior design solu-



Eliminating walls initially seemed impossible, but custom cabinets by Sun Design's Jeremy Fleming created the opportunity for a different floorplan.

tion," says Fleming. "The formal elements provide definition and balance, yet the clean lines allow a lively visual continuum."

To provide for outdoor dining, Fleming extended the rear shed roof over the previously sun exposed decking. The former outdoor dining niche now becomes a viewing area adjacent to a recently installed flat screen TV.

With the addition of two overhead rotating fans, the new outdoor space is both intimately connected to the house and visually linked to the pool and well-landscaped setting.

"We couldn't be more pleased with how well the house has evolved over the years," says Laurie. "We look forward to living here long into the future."

John Byrd has been writing about home improvement topics for 30 years. See more stories at www.HomeFrontsNews.com.



Sun Design's Jeremy Fleming extended the shed roof to cover sun-exposed decking. Two overhead rotating fans add comfort.



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Condo Living Ideal for Recent Retirees

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A pair of luxury baths add comfort and charm to 30-year old unit.

BY JOHN BYRD

One of the challenges of modern retirement is creating a space that will serve for the long term; another is stretching the budget.

Approaching retirement, Kathleen David explored both of these considerations recently with husband when they decided to sell their multi-level townhouse and find a suitable one-level living option. The goal was a condominium that could be obtained at a favorable price and upgraded within a budget.

Accustomed to urban living, the couple mainly wanted freedom from stairs, available parking, and a spot for a favorite China cabinet.

"We were quite satisfied with our choice," Kathleen says of the 1,300-square-foot-unit in an 11-story, 30 year old Crystal City complex. "But after we had been in residence for about a year, we started looking for contractors to help us upgrade the master bath, which was terribly dated."

What came as a surprise as interviews got under way was how few contractors were willing or able to work in a condominium.

"There are lots of restrictions," Kathleen recalls. They learned that remodeling a room in a condo can take 20-to-30 percent longer than it takes to a complete a comparable project in a single family home. "Several well-known firms wouldn't even meet with us," she said.

As such, Sarah Wolf at Foster Remodeling Solutions headquartered in Lorton was a breath of fresh air.

"We hit it off right away," Kathleen says. "She understood condo remodeling challenges completely."

So much so, in fact, that the single full bathroom slated for improvement became two, and the interior design ideas grew progressively more sophisticated.

"Condos have always been interesting to me—partly because they require very precise space plans," Wolf says. "In a tight footprint, inches make all the difference and the design effects that add to that crucial sense of spaciousness must be expertly executed. Professionally, it's exhilarating to design out of the picture the apparent limitations in a room, so that only thing an owner is aware of is how attractive the space is, and how well it works."

Beginning with a "style preferences" slide show narrated by Kathleen (who had stockpiled ideas for close to a year), Wolf began by grappling with an unyieldingly compact 220 square feet that could not be enlarged in any direction.

Removing a wall between the vanity and tub in the master bathroom, for instance, added just two inches of floor space, yet the half-wall and frameless glass space di-



The black and white art deco-style ceramic basket-weave pattern for the shower prevents slipping. As an aging-in-place consideration, Wolf, of Foster Remodeling, found room for an in-shower bench and grab bars. A hand-held shower head on a slide bar adjusts to the owners' different height requirements.



A blue-grey-black Cambria quartz counter top has been color-coordinated with vanity cabinet facings lacquered in a black-brush-applied mushroom gray stain.



Recognizing that inches count in a tight footprint that can't be expanded, Sarah Wolf at Foster Remodeling Solutions gained just two inches of floor space by removing a wall between the vanity and the tub (left); the half-wall and frameless glass space divider that now surrounds the newly installed walk-in shower (right) invites line of sight that previously didn't exist.

vider that now surrounds the newly installed walk-in shower invites a visual continuum that previously didn't exist.

More to the point, Wolf's softly textured interior design scheme provides the eye with something to enjoy, and narrow spaces now seem much wider.

"Alternation and balance are important when working with small spaces," says Wolf. "In effect, you have a three dimensional canvas formed by walls, floors, ceiling, and each side is a critical part of the whole."

When the design statement is well-made, the finished space feels peaceful, pleasant, a room you want to spend time in. Size becomes unimportant."

That said, Wolf applied considerable engineering skill in designing built-ins to satisfy precisely-measured storage requirements."

"There was nothing but an open cabinet under the vanity before," Kathleen says. "Sarah designed appropriately-sized drawers, shelves and recessed a storage spaces

The single full bathroom slated for improvement became two, and the interior design ideas grew progressively more sophisticated.

MORE: Foster Design will be at the Capital Home Show at the Dulles Expo Center Sept. 25-27 in booth 540-542, and is also offering a free remodeling and design seminar at their Lorton facility on Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. RSVP@FosterRemodeling.com or call 703-550-1371.

for everything. The new sense of order has been wonderful."

As an aging-in-place consideration, Wolf found room for an in-shower bench and grab bars. A hand-held shower head on a slide bar adjusts to the owners' different height requirements.

"Everything has been carefully tailored to our needs," says Kathleen. "We feel fortunate to have gotten such a winning result."

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Trading Spaces

Two retirees swap townhouse for Winnebago.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

A retired couple is feeling liberated after selling their Old Town Alexandria home and buying a Winnebago. Cathy and Mick Hanratty, who'd been living in their Winnebago at Fort Belvoir, left town earlier this week to see the country.

"We have three greyhounds so we had to have our dogs with us when we travel," said Cathy, a retired nurse. "With the RV, we can go anywhere we want to go and take our dogs with us. ... We don't have to worry about finding a hotel when we travel that accepts animals."

The couple lived in Old Town for 16 years. While they enjoyed the community, they found the winter weather too brutal for their liking. "When winter came, I hated it," said Cathy. "Now we'll be in Florida in winter."

The Hanrattys say the transition wasn't as difficult for them as it might be for some because of their backgrounds. "We are both Army brats so we've been doing this all our lives," said Mick, a retired Army colonel. "It's not like someone who lived in the same place all our lives to all of a sudden move to an RV. We're used to a transient manner."

The Hanrattys say their Winnebago is comfortable. It boasts a living room with a large-screen television, recessed lighting and an electric fireplace. The kitchen is equipped with a convection-microwave oven, an apartment-sized refrigerator in stainless steel and a propane stove. There is a king-size bed in the bedroom and wood-work in a cherry finish.

"One thing that impressed us was all the storage," said Mick. "There's even a lot of overhead storage."

Porcelain flooring throughout "makes it much easier to clean," said Cathy.

The Hanrattys, who have been married for 42 years, say their new lifestyle offers them flexibility. "It's much more relaxing," said Cathy. "If we go someplace we don't like, we can pick up and go somewhere else. When you own a house in Old Town, you can't just leave if you decide you don't like it."

Their Old Town Alexandria home, which was located in Old Town Village, actually sold before it went on the market. "It's a really popular area," said Lisa Groover, of McEneaney Associates, the couple's real estate agent.



Cathy and Mick Hanratty sold their Old Town Alexandria, Virginia, home and bought a Winnebago.

"People are always looking for homes there."

"I was thrilled to have an opportunity to work with friends and neighbors," said Groover. "They were open to ideas and suggestions about marketing."

Although the couple have yet to decide on their final destination, they're optimistic.

"We're anxious to travel around the country and to find a place where we feel comfortable enough to settle down," said Mick. "We have to find a place that affords us a home base where we can park our RV. We're thinking about a house with an RV garage, probably in Georgia, Florida or South Carolina."



The living room of Cathy and Mick Hanratty's Winnebago has an electric fireplace and large-screen television. And the bedroom has a king-sized bed and an abundance of storage.



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Diversification Could Help Real Estate Market

Home sales have increased, particularly in Fairfax County, which saw a 22 percent uptick.

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Vienna-based realtor Craig Lilly with Long and Foster agreed with how Ken Harney, the moderator for the 2015 Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) Economic Summit, described the current year's market trends at the gathering earlier this month at the Fairview Park Marriott.

"His assessment of 2015 is on target with what I am experiencing," said Lilly. "So far, so good."

Harney, a nationally-syndicated columnist, categorized 2013 as the "rebound year" when sales and house prices seemed to be back on a roll after years of post-recession doldrums. Then 2014 started out impressively strong as well, but mid-year the market became more "restrained."

"Last Spring things were rocking," said Lilly. "I think that caused some sellers to price too aggressively too quickly in a market that was changing. That certainly had an effect on the slowdown we saw for the rest of the year."

The data for 2015 is on Harney's side. Home sales have increased, particularly in Fairfax County, which saw a 22 percent uptick in sales. Figures just released by Real Estate Business Intelligence report the second-highest level of August sales since 2006, with inventories remaining fairly healthy and time-on-the-market about equal with the same period last year. The August report also showed the average sales price of single-family homes down slightly (.02 percent), while the average price of attached homes and condominiums rose slightly.

But even those positive numbers didn't keep the summit's panellists from making presentations that leaned decidedly towards the cautionary, for both short-term real estate transactions, and the future economic health of the region.

LOOMING ON THE HORIZON is the spectre of another potential government shutdown if Congress fails to pass even a temporary budget by the end of the month. Describing the region as a "company town," and as such, somewhat "vulnerable" to Congressional activity, panellist Dr. Terry Clower, director of George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis, said he wouldn't discount the possibility of a shutdown, despite the insistence of others that neither political party would tolerate that turn of events. Additional sequestration during a Presidential election year is also possible, he said. With a laughing



From left — Jonathan Aberman of TandemNSI, Jill Landsman, NVAR VP of Communications, and summit moderator Ken Harney at the 19th Northern Virginia Association of Realtors Economic Summit.

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Dr. Terry Clower, director of George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis, provided detailed data on area employment figures, income, job sector changes and more during the Economic Summit. There was considerable note taking during his presentation.

acknowledgement of his "slight accent — I am from Texas," Clower reminded the audience that for a "good lump of the rest of the country, a government shutdown is not seen as a such a bad thing."

But for a region where almost 40 percent of the economy is directly related to federal wages and salaries, procurement and other federal activity, Clower's analogy of the "company town's" vulnerability seems right on target.

The seemingly endless "Federal Reserve Watch" for interest rate hikes was also discussed by Clower, and by Dr. Lawrence Yun, chief economist with the National Association of Realtors.

"A rate increase is coming, probably sooner rather than later, before the end of the year," predicted Yun, but he also believes that any increase will not have an immediate impact on mortgage rates.

That's an opinion that Weichert Realtors Fair Oaks managing director Lorraine Arora

for awhile," said Arora.

Lilly was more struck by Yun's powerpoints showing homeownership at a 50-year low combined with rental vacancies at a 30-year low and rents at a seven-year high. "There's some things to be thinking about as a Realtor, and really as anyone living and working in this area," he added.

In Yun's research, millennials - who currently represent a large portion of the renters - are actually the most confident about the housing situation, and despite the many obstacles to their entering the market, the majority want to eventually become homeowners. Their achievement of that goal is crucial, according to Yun, who noted that the net worth of homeowners tends to exceed that of renters.

One positive note on real estate trends by Yun that the Realtor attendees appreciated was his belief that the "trade-up" market would probably see an improvement, with potential buyers having more cash-in-hand from their current homes' sales with which to make the move. The figures show that many homes that had fallen below their original purchase price have at the least returned to parity, and in many cases even seen a modest increase in value.

Back on the subject of the "company town" dependency, Clower and Yun both argued that diversification of job sectors is critical to the region's future economic success, requiring greater regional cooperation.

SPEAKING OF ROBOTS, drones, artificial intelligence, virtual reality and the "We Work" models of sharing work, living spaces and resources, Jonathan Aberman, chairman of TandemNSI, focused on technological trends and how they would affect our daily lives. Aberman said that any region that doesn't prepare for these changes with an emphasis on affordably "educating people on how to think, rather than just how to do" will be quickly left behind.

Aberman said that more effort is needed to keep the federal dollars spent on technology and related research here at home. "We need to be encouraging our next generation of 'gazelles,' what we call our fast-growth companies and entrepreneurs. And we need to consider that these people will be more interested in data-ways than high-ways when considering their work options."

To Aberman, that includes rethinking the number of "trophy offices" under construction and in the pipeline. He worries about over-building in commercial properties that sit empty for so long that they cease to be Class A buildings. Before they can be occupied, many are already not up to par for the next wave of change, either technologically, or culturally speaking, he said.

Lorraine Arora tends to agree with Aberman's concerns. "Look at the commercial vacancy rates in Arlington, as just one example," she said. She was also fascinated by Aberman's predictions on technology's influence on society in the very near future.

"It's a little concerning," she said. Technology is good, but I hope we don't get to the point where people just don't leave their homes."



Rob Whitfield, a member of several regional transportation citizens' groups including the Dulles Corridor Users Group, asks a question of the panellists.

shares. "People will still be buying and selling. I think the current situation continues to make people a bit cautious, as Yun suggests, but I agree that we probably won't see much impact on mortgage rates, at least